

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, January 13, 1997

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T 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Board of Health.

- 1) Introduction of Jarone Baker, University of Washington Intern
- 2) Update - Children's Dental Access Project.
- 3) Discussion - Delegation of Well Inspection Duties.
- 4) Discussion - Foodworkers' Testing Schedule.
- 5) Miscellaneous.

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Public Comment Period.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS.

T 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Presentation by Chinook Enterprises.

1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Bid Opening - New Burlington Vehicle Maintenance Facility.

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Open Space Application of Robert Edgett for property located at 2101 Francis Road, Mount Vernon (OS-96-0375).

2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Open Space Application of Sidney DeBoer for property located at the SE Corner of the intersection of Kelleher and Green Roads (OS-96-0374).

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Open Space Application of Marianne Kooiman and Joost Businger for property located at the north side of Edens Road, 400 feet west of the intersection of South Shore Road, Guemes Island (OS-96-0407).

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Executive Session - Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 1997, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden and Ted W. Anderson present. Commissioner Robert Hart's absence was excused.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

1) Introduction of Jarone Baker, University of Washington Intern.

Corrine Story introduced Mr. Baker who will be working on a sanitary survey project at Turner Bay.

2) Update - Children's Dental Access Project.

Kim Van Epps, Oral Health Coordinator, briefly summarized the Children's Dental Access Project, explaining to the Board what the program entails. Ms. Van Epps reported that the program increases access for low income, Medicaid eligible children. Ms. Van Epps reviewed data received from the state, indicating that Skagit County has an outstanding performance record for utilization rates. Ms. Van Epps reviewed the five components of the project as 1) outreach, 2) education, 3) access, 4) tracking and 5) self-sustainment. Ms. Van Epps reported that funding will be eliminated in June and she is hoping to find funding in other areas. A discussion ensued with the Board in regard to the high numbers of eligible applicants in the County and the process in which the children are contacted.

3) Discussion - Delegation of Well Inspection Duties.

Ken Willis discussed the possibility of adding the well inspection duties to the County Health Department from the Department of Ecology, who currently has those duties. Mr. Willis stated this would improve service to the public and offer protection of public health and the environment. Mr. Willis stated the Department of Ecology would give the County a one time \$10,000 and then they will send us 50% of the well notification fees on a quarterly basis. In return, the county must inspect at least 40% of all new wells and 100% of the wells being decommissioned. The Health Department plans to carry-

this program out with existing staff. Mr. Willis reported that approximately 12 or 13 other Counties are carrying out the program through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Ecology. The benefits are that the public gets better protection, local government gets local control and an adequate funding source and the drillers get to work with the local inspectors and the State gets all of the wells monitored. Mr. Willis stated the Memorandum of Agreement is currently being routed to legal counsel and the risk manager for review before it is presented to the Board. Mr. Willis requested approval today based on the proposed Memorandum of Agreement.

Dean Hayes, Hayes Drilling, stated that the reason that we are discussing the issue today is because of the Department of Ecology's inability to do what they are paid to do. Mr. Hayes stated that a fee has been being collected approving more inspectors to inspect wells, however, this addition of inspectors has not occurred. Mr. Hayes stated that \$100 for every new well that is going in, plus other fees, are all going to the State, but there is no help. Mr. Hayes summarized the situation by stating that they are collecting payment for a specific service that is not provided. Mr. Hayes agreed that the County taking over the responsibility is the best answer, even though they will receive only half the fee, which he stated may be better than nothing. Mr. Hayes encouraged that ceiling inspection be limited to the top 18 feet, as was the original intent, to address the surface seal only, not all the way to the aquifer - to leave that portion in the Department of Ecology's hands.

Commissioner Wolden inquired about the fees and mentioned that this information should go to the legislators. He mentioned his concern as to whether there was going to be enough funding. Commissioner Wolden announced that there seemed to be a need to discuss this with the Department of Ecology, as it appeared there was no fairness to the split of the \$100 fee with the Department of Ecology, if they are not providing any part of the service. A discussion ensued in regard to the collection of these fees.

Commissioner Anderson stated he is a little bit resentful that this fee is going to be collected for four years and expressed his fear that they will hand program to us with little bit of funding and when the funding is gone, the County will be doing the entire job for them. Commissioner Anderson stated that there is no question that this is better to have this in local hands and mentioned his curiosity as to where the fees have gone. Mr. Hayes stated that currently the fees go to the general fund. Commissioner Anderson stated that this needs to be done however, maybe we could try to negotiate more. Mr. Hayes reminded the Board that there is not another County that has gotten more than the 50%. Commissioner Anderson stated he would support this in concept only. Commissioner Wolden stated that he would make an effort in the next 30 days to look into this and that he is happy with the concept, but not with the 50/50 split of fees. Mr. Hayes stated that the drillers also support the concept, as there does need to be an inspection.

Commissioner Wolden stated that this is a good place to start and it is time to start working on the legislators. Mr. Hayes stated they would be glad to help and offered assistance from the drillers.

4) Discussion - Foodworkers' Testing Schedule.

Corinne Story discussed the proposed revision to the food works testing schedule. Ms. Story stated that there has not been a good response to the extension of hours and stated that they would like to drop these off hour sessions as they are not worth an environmental health specialists time to sponsor. Ms. Story requested approval for eliminating this session and also mentioned that they have started a home study course that will assist people in qualifying to obtain a food workers card following the completion of the course through the WSU Cooperative Extension.

Commissioner Anderson stated that if this is not profitable, he supports their position. Commissioner Wolden commended Ms. Story for recognizing that this is not working out and not wasting time.

5) Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Suzanne Thostenson, Pull and Be Damned Road, LaConner, stated that she is back again asking for some kind of response, as she has not had a response in regard to her letter of last August or of her last visit to the Board in November. She mentioned that she has attempted to contact the Board in regard to a bank that failed due to a ditch that was plugged. She stated that she has contacted FEMA who does not seem to be interested in the problem, as her house is not in eminent danger. Ms. Thostenson reviewed the sequence of events, stating that on November 28, a year ago during a heavy rainstorm, the cross pipe leading into the culvert was plugged, water filled the next drains, went through her yard, and d986 the bank in front of her house. Ms. Thostenson stated that she asked for stabilization of the bank in her letter, even though she knows she is on Tribal land. Ms. Thostenson reiterated that all she wants is some kind of response. In earlier

discussions with the Tribe, they indicated that there was a possibility they could reimburse her for expenses by taking the repair amount off of her lease payment. Commissioner Wolden stated that this is probably not in the County's jurisdiction, even though the problem started on the County road. Ms. Thostenson asked if there was a possibility the County could at least stabilize the bank. Commissioner Anderson stated he was surprised that she did not receive a response because he had asked the Public Works Department to contact Ms. Thostenson after her last visit to the Board. Commissioner Anderson asked for Ms. Thostenson's address and stated that he would contact Public Works again and at the very least, have someone to come out and look at the situation and evaluate it.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items #2 & #3, as the necessary signatures were not obtained on those two items. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

• Commissioners Office:

1. Record of the Proceedings of January 7, 1997.
2. Resolution Authorizing Contract with Skagit County Community Action Agency, which appropriates \$115,504 for 1997 to the Skagit County Community Action Agency to provide services to the County's low income residents. This sum does not include payments for Veteran's Services or Community Development. This sum does not include payments for Veteran's Services or Community Development Block Grant related funding. **(Omitted)**.
3. Memorandum of Agreement with Skagit County Community Action Agency as referenced by the above Resolution, improving services to the low income residents of County as approved the Contractor's Board of Directors. **(Omitted)**.
4. Resolution stating and clarifying the policy of Skagit County to aid and assist indigent Veterans and their dependents and authorizing the execution of an agreement between Skagit County, Skagit County Community Action Agency and the Skagit County Veterans Advisory Council for the operation of a central relief agency for indigent Veterans and their dependents. **(Resolution No. 16420)**.
5. Resolution Appointing Mary Good be reappointed to the North Sound Regional Support Network Advisory Board from December 31, 1996, through December 31, 1999. **(Resolution No. 16421)**.
6. Resolution Appointing Joan Lubbe to the North Sound Regional Support Network Advisory Board for the term of December 31, 1996, through December 31, 1999. **(Resolution No. 16422)**.

• Parks:

7. Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement with Lennard L. Thompson for property associated with the Centennial Trail in Skagit County, for the purchase price of \$4,984. **(Contract No. 03330)**.

• ARIS:

8. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement among Skagit County, Skagit Community Mental Health Center, and Skagit County School Districts for the term of September 1, 1996 through August 31, 1997. This agreement will provide for a mental health specialist working to provide individual and family counseling services to identified at-risk students and their families referred from Districts through the At-Risk Intervention Specialist (ARIS) Program. The annual costs for salary, benefits and support for this position are estimated at \$41,921, with funding allocation from participating Districts. **(Contract No. 03331)**.
9. Personal Services Agreement with Judith McCarthy for the term of January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997, for the purpose of providing individual and/or family therapy with compensation to be reimbursed at \$60 per 50 minute therapy hour. **(Contract No. 03332)**.

10. Personal Services Agreement with Matt Farmer, Thomas Lynn and Curt Ypma, for the term of September 1, 1996, through June 31, 1997, to provide supervision, classroom instruction, team leadership, and curriculum development and implementation. Classroom instruction and design will be geared towards Middle School students referred to the program by ARIS. Compensation will not exceed \$3,600. (Contract No. 03333).
 11. Personal Services Agreement with Long Mar Town for the period of January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997, to provide services of Kung Fu or Tai Chi lessons two times per week to ARIS approved clients. Compensation will be in the amount as outlined in Exhibit "B" of the contract. (Contract No. 03334).
 12. Personal Services Agreement with Donald R. Taves, M.D., for the term of January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997, to provide psychiatric services to include evaluation/assessment of ARIS clients, medication check-up appointments, written reports and consultation services. Compensation will be in the amounts outlined in Exhibit "B" of the contract. (Contract No. 03335).
- Health:
 13. Memorandum of Understanding with Skagit County Community Action Agency and the Health Department. This Memorandum provides for Community Action to place one VISTA volunteer with the Skagit County Health Department during the period of November 22, 1996 to November 21, 1997. This understanding is based on the proposal and work plan for the Teen Pregnancy/Male Parentage Prevention Program. (Contract No. 03336).
 - Senior Services:
 14. Contract (97-NUTR-09) with Northwest Regional Council, grantee for the Northwest Washington Area Agency on Aging and Skagit County Senior Services Department in regard to the Skagit County Senior Nutrition Program beginning January 1, 1997, and ending December 31, 1997. The estimated total cost is \$424,888 less the required match of \$13,387 less the other available resources in the amount of \$233,614, with a total of grant funds of \$177,887. (Contract No. 03337).
 - Sheriff:
 15. Personal Services Agreement with David H. Smith for the term of November 1, 1996, through October 31, 1997, to provide fitness and duty evaluations at the rate of \$125 per hour, plus \$125 per hour for additional consultations as necessary. (Contract No. 03338).
 - Juvenile Probation:
 16. Personal Services Agreement with Northwest Youth Services for the term of October 1996 (retroactive) until terminated, to facilitate a series of classes on an on-going and rotating basis. Compensation will be in the amount of \$2,272 per rotation at a rate of \$142 per two hour session to be billed monthly at \$1,136 per month. (Contract No. 03339).
 - Public Works:
 17. Professional Services Agreement with Sumas Transport, Inc. for pumping, hauling and discharging of Leachate at Inman Landfill, for the period of January 1, 1997, to December 31, 1998. Compensation will be as outlined in Exhibit "B" of the Contract. (Contract No. 03340).
 18. Resolution approving Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit County and Dike District No. 5 to provide reimbursable services and an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Dike District No. 5 for the five year period of 1997 through 2001. (Resolution No. 16423 & Contract No. 03341).
 19. Resolution approving Interlocal Agreement with Dike District No. 17 for reimbursable services and an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Dike District No. 17 for the five year period through 2001. (Resolution No. 16424 & Contract No. 03342).

20. Resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Anacortes in regard to reimbursable services and an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for the five year period of 1997 through 2001. (Resolution No. 16425 & Contract No. 03343).
21. Resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sedro Woolley in regard to reimbursable services and Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for the five year period of 1997 through 2001. (Resolution No. 16426 & Contract No. 03344).

- Human Services:

22. Contract Amendment with North Sound Regional Support Network for the period of 5/1/94 to 6/30/97 to cover the next six month period while the NSRSN undergoes further changes to its organizational structure. Funds will be used to maintain office space with Mental Health Adult and Children's Area Resource Coordinators and to continue supporting their clerical and monitoring needs. This amendment amount of \$31,705 increases the contract to \$333,568. (Contract No. 02063).

- Emergency Management Services:

23. Personal Services Agreement with One Way Construction for the term of December 31, 1996, through January 3, 1997, to provide services regarding emergency repair work to restore approximately 1,000 feet of dike on Corkindale Creek at Marblemount. Compensation will not exceed \$2,000 for the emergency repair work. (Contract No. 03345).

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Jon Aarstad, Parks Director, presented a Resolution Recognizing the Multi-Agency Chuckanut Mountain Trails Master Plan. Mr. Aarstad stated that this Resolution has been reviewed and approved by John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy, even though his signature is not required. This resolution requires no monetary commitment on behalf of the County. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 16427).
2. Mr. Aarstad also presented a Restrictive Covenant for Larry and Kathleen Hum to own and operate a well and waterworks supplying water for private individual use for well head protection. Mr. Aarstad stated that this has been reviewed by the Chief Civil Deputy, Risk Manager, and the Health Department. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Restrictive Covenant for a portion of the former Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Restrictive Covenant as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Contract No. 03349).
3. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by R.C.W. 42.24.090 have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board.

As of this date, January 13, 1997, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above mentioned list and further described as follows:

Vouchers #P1-BENJ01 through P1-BENJ09, #6007-466, #6007-497, #6007-502, #6007-504 through #6007-515, #6007-517 through #6007-519, #6007-521 through #6007-523, #6010-718, #6010-803 in the total amount of \$2,209,446.81 and Warrants #167379 through #168001.

PRESENTATION BY CHINOOK ENTERPRISES.

Jim Halpin, Assistant Director of Chinook Enterprises, stated they are here today to 1) update the Board on the recent progress at Chinook Enterprises, and 2) to ask for support in trying to open up job opportunities for persons with disabilities in the public sector.

Mr. Halpin stated that Chinook Enterprises is a private not for profit business that has been in existence since 1980 to provide employment for people with disabilities. Mr. Halpin reported that Chinook provides large scale assembly work, and does commercial landscaping, employing approximately 100 people. The job types range from entry level to computer networking specialists. Mr. Halpin reviewed that one of the reasons for success is that they have strong ties with the private

sector and operate as any successful business.

Mr. Hapin introduced Clea Burke, Lead Employment Specialist, who reviewed the success in the private sector in regard to placing persons with disabilities in employment positions. Ms. Burke stated she would like to broaden this and find opportunities in the public sector as well for these individuals. Ms. Burke reviewed some of the areas in which disabled persons are able to offer employers assistance. Ms. Burke reviewed the recent trend in the private sector to change job descriptions in order to create a part-time position that requires more routine simple repetitive tasks, such as stock room positions, working 15 - 20 hours per week. Ms. Burke pointed out that that this aids employers while at the same time helping the disabled employees. Ms. Burke stated that it is important for people with disabilities to be employed in order to become consumers in our community. Ms. Burke works with employers, in fact, actually works in the position that has been offered to the disabled employee, in order be able to make a match for a disabled person in that position. Commissioner Anderson stated that it is essential to note that the disabled employees are not simply dropped off to do the job, but that Chinook provides someone to be with them in order to help train them to be able to perform the task. Commissioner Wolden commended Ms. Burke on helping to provide a sense of self-worth that being employed brings to the people at Chinook. Commissioner Anderson stated that this gives the employees tremendous pride and that it is something everyone deserves. Commissioner Wolden discussed the possibility of employing these people within the County and suggested contacting Department Heads in regard to suitable part-time positions that may be able to be filled by someone with a disability. A discussion ensued in regard to the number of disabled persons employed with Snohomish County. Ms. Burke stated that there are some barriers with the application process as it is now within the County and that they would like to see the pulling together of tasks to be done around the County that would possibly create some part-time positions.

Ms. Burke introduced Kimberly Sommers, Human Resource Director of the City of Anacortes, who reported that she has worked with Chinook Enterprises in several businesses and discussed the benefits received as an employer. Ms. Sommers reviewed the benefits received by the "non-disabled" employees by being in an employment situation with disabled persons. A discussion ensued in regard to trying to locate jobs for disabled persons in the public sector, setting up training positions in helping people build their resumes, and maybe do some job sharing, moving people from department to department where necessary. The Board concurred that it was time for the public sector to follow the example set by the private sector in employing these individuals.

BID OPENING - NEW BURLINGTON VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY.

Roger Howard, Facilities Manager, stated that 16 bids were received and opened the bids, as attached:

Mr. Howard stated he would review the bids and bring a recommendation back to the Board.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN OPEN SPACE APPLICATION OF ROBERT EDGETT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2101 FRANCIS ROAD, MOUNT VERNON (OS-96-0375).

Grace Roeder, Planning staff, discussed the property location and stated that the Planning Department and the Hearing Examiner recommend approval of this application. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the open space application as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16428).**

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN OPEN SPACE APPLICATION OF SIDNEY DEBOER FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SE CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF KELLEHER AND GREEN ROADS (OS-96-0374).

Ms. Roeder discussed the property location of the above referenced property, an area that consistently floods, and has sold development rights to the Department of Agriculture so that there will be no development. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16429).**

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN OPEN SPACE APPLICATION OF MARIANNE KOOIMAN AND JOOST BUSINGER FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTH SIDE OF EDENS ROAD 400 FEET WEST OF INTERSECTION OF SOUTH SHORE ROAD, GUEMES ISLAND (OS-96-0407).

Marge Swint, Planning, presented pictures of the property and reviewed the application. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16430).**

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ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Harvey Wolden made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.


BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Harvey Wolden, Chairman

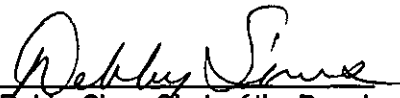


Robert Hart, Commissioner



Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST.



Debby Sims, Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Commissioners

*Attachment.

1. George Sollitt Corporation
23109 55th Ave. W.
Mountlake Terrace, Washington 98043 Base bid: \$1,064,657.00

2. John Daniels Construction, Inc.
2232 Pacific St.
Bellingham, WA 98226 Base bid: \$1,072,788.00

3. MDM, Inc.
22024 Marine View Dr. South
Des Moines, WA 98198 Base bid: \$1,075,536.00

4. ASI Construction, Inc.
1751 Cedardale Rd.
Mount Vernon, WA 98274 Base bid: \$1,076,474.00

5. Friberg Construction
6425 West 20th Ave.
Ferndale, WA 98248 Base bid: \$1,085,855.00

6. Magnolia Contractors, Inc.
4211 24th Ave. W.
Seattle, WA 98199
Base bid: \$1,088,000.00
7. Impero Construction
2041 East Bakerview Rd.
Bellingham, WA 98226-9175
Base bid: \$1,113,770.00
8. Kassel Construction Co.
9567 153rd Ave. N.E.
Redmond, WA 98052
Base bid: \$1,132,300.00
9. Strider Construction, Inc.
2430 East Bakerview Rd.
Bellingham, WA 98226
Base bid: \$1,135,273.00
10. Tiger Construction Limited
6280 Everson Goshen Rd.
Everson, WA 98247
Base bid: \$1,150,000.00
11. Ebenal General, Inc.
2220 F St.
Bellingham, WA 98225
Base bid: \$1,156,000.00
12. Heritage Construction
12014 20th St. S.E.
Everett, WA 98205-2026
Base bid: \$1,164,298.00
13. Eldred and Essex Construction, Inc.
P.O. Box 30588
Bellingham, WA 98228-2588
Base bid: \$1,178,000.00
14. Pottle and Sons Construction, Inc.
5747 N.W. Drive
Ferndale, WA 98248
Base bid: \$1,180,490.00
15. Roosendaal-Honcoop Construction, Inc.
7469 Hannegan Rd.
Lynden, WA 98264
Base bid: \$1,188,000.00
16. Lugo Construction
6423 Pacific Highway East
Fife, WA 98023
Base bid: \$1,328,000.00